

We Claim:

1. An airbag fabric being substantially air impermeable and comprising a fabric substantially formed of yarns having a tenacity greater than 5 grams/denier and an
5 extrusion coating of thermoplastic material selected from the group consisting of linear low density polyethylene, other polyethylenes, polyurethane, nylon, polypropylene, polyester, and blends thereof, said coated fabric having a tear strength, when tested according to ASTM D1682 in excess of that achieved by conventional solvent coated fabrics.

2. The airbag fabric according to Claim 1, wherein said fabric layer is formed of yarns selected from the group consisting of nylon, polyester, and polypropylene.

3. The airbag fabric according to Claim 2 and further including a tie layer between said fabric and said coating, said tie layer selected from the group consisting of anhydride modified ethylene vinyl acetate, a blend of anhydride modified ethylene vinyl acetate and acid modified ethylene vinyl acrylate, isocyanate, epoxy, and maleic anhydride modified polypropylene.

4. An airbag fabric being substantially air impermeable and comprising a woven fabric substrate formed of yarns selected from the group consisting of polyester, polypropylene, and blends of nylon, polyester and/or polypropylene and an extrusion coating of a material selected from the group consisting of linear low density
25 polyethylene, other polyethylenes, or polyurethane, nylon, olefins, polyester, and combinations thereof, said coated fabric having a tear strength, when tested according to ASTM D1682 in excess of that achieved by conventional solvent coated fabrics.

5. The airbag fabric according to Claim 4 and further including a tie layer
30 between said fabric and said coating, said tie layer selected from the group consisting of anhydride modified ethylene vinyl acetate, a blend of anhydride modified ethylene vinyl acetate and acid modified ethylene vinyl acrylate, isocyanate, epoxy, and maleic anhydride modified polypropylene.

6. The airbag fabric according to Claim 2 wherein said fabric substrate is formed of nylon yarns, said extruded coating is polyurethane, and further including a tie layer of isocyanate.

5 7. The airbag fabric according to Claim 2 wherein said fabric substrate is formed of nylon yarns, said extruded coating is polyurethane, and further including a tie layer of epoxy.

8. The airbag fabric according to Claim 4 wherein said fabric substrate is
10 formed of polyester yarns, said extruded coating is polyurethane, and further including a tie layer of isocyanate.

9. The airbag fabric according to Claim 4 wherein said fabric layer is formed of polyester yarns, said extruded coating is polyurethane, and further including a tie layer
15 between said fabric and said coating, said tie layer is epoxy.

10. The airbag fabric according to Claim 4 wherein said fabric substrate is formed of polyester yarns, said extruded coating is an olefin, and further including a tie layer of a blend of EAA and EVA.

11. The airbag fabric of Claim 4 wherein said fabric substrate is formed of polypropylene yarns and, said extruded coating is an olefin.

12. The airbag fabric of Claim 4 wherein said fabric substrate is formed of
25 polypropylene yarns, said extruded coating is polyurethane, and the tie layer is maleic anhydride modified polypropylene.